system. As the need to monitor and control more physical devices increased, the number and the complexity of the software programs required to accomplish this task also increased.

IN THE CLAIMS:

    1) Kindly rewrite Claim 19 as follows:

    19. (Amended) A system for validating an interface of a dynamically linkable component, comprising:

    an interface identifier, coupled to said dynamically linkable component, that represents said interface of said dynamically linkable component; and

    an interface verifier that employs said interface identifier to determine a compatibility of said interface of said dynamically linkable component.

    2) Kindly rewrite Claim 25 as follows:

    25. (Amended) A method of validating an interface of a dynamically linkable component, comprising:

    coupling an interface identifier to said dynamically linkable component; and

    employing said interface identifier to determine a compatibility of said interface of said dynamically linkable component.

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